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Reply to Office Action of December 14, 2004

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed December 14, 2004. In the Office Action, claims 4, 5, 8, 13, 14, and 17 were objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but were identified as containing patentable subject matter. Applicants have placed objected claims 4, 13 and 17 into independent form, including limitations from claims 1&3, claims 9&11 and claim 1, respectively. Claims 1, 3, 9 and 11 have been cancelled without prejudice.

In light of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance and that the outstanding rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103 is not applicable, and hence, should be withdrawn.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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